

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2  
SECTION: 27.5  
TITLE: DERMABRASION

---

**AUTHORITY:** 38 USC 1713; 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)(82)(84)(85)

**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(c)(2) and (e)(8)

**TRICARE POLICY MANUAL:** Chapter 3, Section 2.3

---

### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

April 19, 1983

### II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

15780-15787

### III. DESCRIPTION

The planing of the skin by mechanical means (e.g., sandpaper, wire brushes).

### IV. POLICY

Dermabrasion is covered on a limited basis for:

1. cosmetic, reconstructive and/or plastic surgery required to restore body form following an accidental injury,
2. revision of disfigurement and extensive scars resulting from neoplastic surgery, and
3. acquiring the full reconstructive goals of the surgery.

### V. EXCLUSIONS

- A. Acne treatment and/or acne scar removal.
- B. Salabrasion.

**\*END OF POLICY\***